

## **375-3-1-.05 Reciprocity for Valid Licenses Issued Elsewhere by other Jurisdictions**

(1) Customers who hold a valid non-commercial driver's license issued by another state of the United States, ~~or the District of Columbia, or territories of the United States listed in subsection (a) of this paragraph~~ may exchange such license for a Georgia driver's license of the equivalent class without completing knowledge or skills testing. If said license is expired, it must have been expired for less than two years. Vision testing is required.

(a) Customers who hold a valid non-commercial driver's license issued by the following territories may exchange such license pursuant to paragraph (1):

- (i) Puerto Rico
- (ii) Guam
- (iii) U.S Virgin Islands
- (iv) American Samoa
- (v) Northern Mariana Islands
- (vi) Saipan

(b) Exchanges pursuant to paragraph (1)(a) apply to non-commercial licenses

(c) The driver's license issued by another jurisdiction pursuant to paragraph (1) must be surrendered.

(2) If a customer is unable to surrender his or her non-commercial driver's license issued from another state of the United States, ~~or the District of Columbia, or territories of the United States listed in subsection (1)(a) of this paragraph~~ at the time of making application for a Georgia driver's license, the Department shall accept a certified copy of his or her driving record from the previous state of issuance as documentation thereof. Such driving record must have been issued within thirty (30) days of the date of such customer's application for a Georgia driver's license.

(3) Customers who hold a valid non-commercial instructional permit issued by another state of the United States, ~~or the District of Columbia, or territories of the United States listed in subsection (1)(a) of this paragraph~~ must successfully complete the Georgia knowledge examination for such class of license and a vision test in order to be issued a Georgia instructional permit in the same or comparable class.

(4) Customers age sixteen (16) who are applying for issuance of a Class D non-commercial license pursuant to this regulation may satisfy the requirement for submission of a certificate of completion of an approved driver's education course using an out-of-state program under the following circumstances:

(a) He or she was the dependent of active duty military personnel assigned to a base in such jurisdiction at the time the out-of-state course was completed;

(b) The driver's education course was taken at a facility or program licensed by such ~~state~~ jurisdiction;

(c) The course completed was equivalent in scope, length and content to that approved by the Department for programs located in the State of Georgia; and

(d) The certificate of completion indicates that the course was completed within twelve (12) months of the date on which such customer makes application for a Class D non-commercial driver's license.

(5) Customers who hold a valid non-commercial driver's license issued by a foreign country that currently maintains a reciprocity agreement with the State of Georgia may exchange such license for a Georgia Class C driver's license without completing knowledge or skill testing. Vision testing is required. The Department shall verify with the country, either by letter issued by an authorized representative of the country or electronically, that the license was issued to the applicant and that the non-commercial privileges are in good standing.

Authority: O.C.G.A. §§ 40-16-2, 40-16-3, 40-5-4, 40-5-5, 40-5-27, 40-5-101, 40-1-1

## **SYNOPSIS**

### **STATEMENT OF PURPOSE AND MAIN FEATURES OF PROPOSED RULE**

The purpose of the amendments is to update the existing rule and provide for reciprocity with territories of the United States. The amendments also allow for more consistency with testing requirements for customers presenting driver's licenses from other states and territories of the United States.

### **DIFFERENCE BETWEEN EXISTING AND PROPOSED RULES**

The proposed amendments will allow customers who hold a driver's license issued by either of the listed territories of the United States to exchange their license for an equivalent Georgia driver's license, provided that the driver's license is valid or, if expired, has been expired for less than two years.